THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN EESOUR- CE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India already has a Cultural Exchange Programme with Hungary under which the Government of Hungary offers 6 scholarships for Indian students annually for doctoral and post-doctrol studies. fit is not considered necessary to have any change in this.

'Sell India' schemes for Tourism

3255. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH RA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have for- mulated a 'Sell India* Scheme to boost tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Losses of Vayudoot

3256. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH RA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAT1ION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot, the third airline, has incurred a loss of Rs. 30 crores, so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to run the undertaking profitably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. After adjustment of profit of Rs. 2.76 iakhs and Rs. 12.97 lakhs respectively for the years 1983-84 and 1964-85, Vayudoot has incurred an estimated cumulative loss of Rs. 11.90 crores as on 31.3.1988.

(b) The losses have mainly been due to:

(i) induction of new generation Dornier aircraft which resulted in increase in aircraft costs on account of depreciation, interest and other charges;

(ii) increased interest payments on account of fluctuations in exchange rates;

(iii) high expenditure on consumables for repairs|maintenance and premature engine failures; and

(iv) operations on short haul routes which are uneconomical.

(c) The following steps are pro posed to be taken by the company for improving its performance:

(i) induction of cost-effective aircraft for short-haul operations;

(ii) operation of longer and high density routes after induction of bigger capacity aircrafts;

(iii) adoption of measures to increase yield per passenger and load factor; and

(iv) aggressive marketing for courier services;

Prime Minister's visit to China

3257. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dates for the Prime Minister's visit to China have now been finalized;

(b) what are the agreements likely to be signed during this visit; and

(c) what are the details of the members of the Prime Minister'? delegation on this trip to China?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO); (a) Yes, sir.

(b) These are still to be determined.

(c) These are still to be finalised.

जगजीवन राम रेलवे सुरक्षा बल प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र, लखनऊ के नाम से जगजीवन राम नाम का हटाया जाना

3258. श्री आनन्द प्रकाश गौतम : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने जगजीवन राम रेलवे सुरक्षा बल प्रशिक्षण बल केन्द्र, लखनऊ के नाम से "जगजीवन राम" प्रत्यय हटा देने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महावीर प्रसाद) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Foreign exchange earnings and spendings by IAAI and NAA

3259. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of foreign exchange spent and earned by International Airports Authority of India and National Airports Authority, separately, in 1986-87, 1987-88 and that expected in the current year;

(b) what are the reasons for increase in foreign exchange spendings and decrease in foreign exchange earnings of the two undertakings; and

(c) what are the equipment and services on which IAAI and NAA have been spending and would be spanding in fu'ure in foreign exchange and whether the same can be procured indigenously;

(d) what is the name of foreign company, contract value, contract date and quantity of airport equipment purchased by IAAI and NAA in 1986-87 and 1987-88, in the case of each order for imports; and

(e) what efforts are being made by Government to indigenise the airport equipment production, to reduce the foreign exchange spendings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL); (a) to (e) The requisite information in so far as IAAI is concerned is furnished in the enclosed statement (See beloiu). The information relating to NAA is being eollected. and will be laid on the table of the House.

Statement

International Airports Authority of India

Tear	*Earnings*	*Rs. in Lakhs*
1986-87	5095.13	374.57
1987-88	5532.75	19.22
1988-89	6443.83	358.00

(b) The foreign exchange spending is only a fraction of the revenue earned.

(c) The major foreign exchange expenditure of IAAI is on import of fire-fighting equipment, security equipment, flight information display systems, aerobr'dges, Cargo handling equipment, airfield lighting systems, ground power units etc. which are not indigenously available.

(d) The requisite information is furnished in Annexure. [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 133]